(b) if so, the date of issuing such instructions; and

(c) the estimated additional amount required for implementation of such instructions and what is the plan for making arrangements for improving quality of education in all Government and aided institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The instructions have since been issued on 5.1.2007. The Oversight Committee constituted for drawing up a roadmap for implementing the policy of reservations in admission to Centrally aided/maintained/ established higher education institutions has estimated an amount of Rs. 12338.22 crore for this purpose to increase intake capacity. Improving quality of higher education is an ongoing process.

Sachar Committee's report

594. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee was constituted to prepare an action plan on Sachar Committee's recommendations on reservation for Dalit Muslims; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the gist of the recommendations made by this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No Committee has been set up to prepare action plan on the Sachar Committee's recommendations on reservation for Dalit Muslims.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamp of technical education courses

595. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to revamp technical education courses in 10 different streams to make them more industry friendly;

(b) if so, whether the revamp is also aimed at attracting more students to new streams in IT education;

(c) whether there will be greater collaboration with industry and more stress on practical job training; and

(d) whether this new syllabi are to be introduced from the next academic year in all technical education institutes directly under the AICTE's control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through its All India Board of Undergraduate Studies in Engineering and Technology and All India Board of Information Technology is taking steps to develop a Model Curriculum for all undergraduate engineering courses focussed towards the requirements of industry. The Model Curriculum is being developed especially with necessary emphasis on the inclusion of IT oriented subjects as per the requirement of the respective engineering disciplines.

(c) The Model Curriculum is being prepared by the experts from the Academia with intensive participation of experts from industry and stress is on making the students more suitable to the industry needs.

(d) Steps are being taken to present the proposed Model Curriculum to various technical Universities and Deemed Universities in this academic year. Adoption of the Model Curriculum will, however, require approval of the Academic Council of each University. Also, the university has to plan and prepare for switchover.

Proposals for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas

596. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from State Governments/Public Undertakings for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas in their respective States during the last three years, till date;

(b) the present status thereof; and

(c) the budgetary allocations likely to be made in the next Five Year Plan in this regard?